

At a Meeting of the Principals  
of York and its Vicinity, held  
the 15th day of December, 1778  
in the Year of our Lord 1778  
in the Name of the Honorable Chief  
it is Resolved,

1st.—THAT a select Society be established by an  
Act of the Legislature of the Province  
called THE LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC  
SOCIETY, for the promotion of the following specific purposes :

2d.—To afford aid and relief to such Families of  
the Subjects of His Majesty, who shall appear to experience particular Distress in  
Friends and Relations employed in the Military Service.

3d.—To afford like aid and relief to such Militia Men, who shall be disabled by  
Labour, by Wounds or otherwise, in course of Service, to be referred to the Committee hereafter to be named, to be  
gislature, to some of the cases above mentioned.

4d.—To reward Merit, excite Emulation, and encourage  
the Subjects of His Majesty in the Provinces of  
New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, by Medals or other honorary marks of public Acknowledgment, for  
instances of personal Courage or Fidelity in  
the Service of His Majesty's Regular or Militia Forces.

5d.—THAT that the Society shall continue during the present War with  
the United States of America, and shall be under the special protection of the Right Honourable  
GEORGE SHEAFFE, or the Person Administering  
the Government of the Province, during the time being.

6d.—THAT every Person throughout the Province, who shall pay  
One Pound or upwards, shall be admitted a Member of the Society, and have the privilege of recommending  
any Person to be a Member, and of attending at all General Meetings and Deliberations of the Society.  
The Right Honourable the Earl of Shelburne, the Member for the County of York, the Clergy of the  
Province, and any other Person whose annual Subscription shall be £100, shall be  
Directors of the Society for the purpose of managing the Affairs of the Society, and shall be  
Field Officers of His Majesty's Regular Forces, and shall be Honorary Members of the Society.

7th.—THAT the affairs of the Society be Governed by a Board of  
Directors to assemble Quarterly, that is to say, in the  
Town of York, which Board shall consist of  
not less than three and any number, not less than five of the  
Members of His Majesty's Executive Council.

8th.—THAT the affairs of the Society be Governed and its  
Business be transacted by the Board of Directors.

the Principal Inhabitants of the Town of  
Vicinity, held at York on Tuesday the  
December, 1812, pursuant to Public No-  
norable Chief Justice SCOTT, Chairman,

be established by annual Subscription throughout the Province, to be  
AND PATRIOTIC SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA, for the  
oses:

to such Families of the Militia in all parts of the Province, as shall  
particular Distress in consequence of the Death or Absence of their  
employed in the Militia Services in Defence of the Province.

elief to such Militia Men as have been or shall be Disabled from La-  
therwise, in course of the Service aforesaid. Provided it shall appear  
ster to be named, that over and above the Aid afforded by the Le-  
cases above mentioned, some further Relief is necessary.

Emulation, and commemorate glorious Exploits, by bestowing Me-  
marks of public Approbation and Distinction for extraordinary in-  
rage or Fidelity in defence of the Province, by Individuals, either  
ar or Militia Forces or Seamen.

shall continue during the present War with the United States of Ama-  
er the special protection and patronage of His Honor Major General  
son Administering His Majesty's Government in this Province, for

roughout the Province, whose annual Subscription shall amount to  
s, shall be admitted to the honor of being a Member of the Society,  
e of recommending Objects to its charitable Bounty, and also of Vo-  
ings and Deliberations of the Subscribers. And that the Members  
ative and Legislative Councils, Judges of the King's Bench, the Spe-  
embly, the Clergymen of the Established Church, together with eve-  
annual Subscription shall amount to Ten Pounds or upwards, shall  
ciety for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and all General and  
Majesty's Regular Forces serving in the Province, are invited to be  
he Society.

Society be Governed and its business Conducted by a General Board  
e Quarterly, that is, on the first day of the Quarter Sessions, in the  
Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasu-  
ot less than five of the other Directors, and that the Chief Justice and  
isby's Executive Council for the time being, shall be the Board.

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4th.—THAT the affairs of the Society be Governed and it  
of Directors to assemble Quarterly, that is, on the  
Town of York, which Board shall consist of a Pres-  
ter and any number, not less than five of the other  
the Members of His Majesty's Executive Council &  
Vice Presidents of the Society, without the presence  
Board cannot be held or business transacted.

5th.—THE General Board of Directors shall, by the Sec-  
tries of their proceedings, and statements of their  
be kept for that purpose, in order that the same be  
the inspection of the Subscribers. And to facilitate  
shall appoint Committees of their own Members re-  
apply to the relief of cases of Distress arising therein,  
obtained in such Districts, except three per cent on  
the Directors towards effecting the third object of the  
shall from time to time transmit to the Secretary of  
of their proceedings and expenditures, that unity m-  
out the Province, and a full Statement of its Transa-  
tion of all the Subscribers and the Public at large.

6th.—THAT the respective Sums at first to be Subscribed  
annually by each Subscriber during the continuance  
ing the Province or some material alteration in the cir-  
for the present year, be paid within one Month after  
years, at such periods as the General Board of Direc-  
Board to provide Supplies, best adapted for Relief  
Terms. And that the Money accruing from such Sub-  
stituting the Funds for the purposes of the Society.

7th.—THAT exclusive of the Annual Subscription, the So-  
extent whatsoever from those who may not choose to  
bers of the Society, and the Names of such Benefactors  
be Published Quarterly in the York Gazette.

8th.—AND whereas it is the opinion of this Society, that no  
Service, can compensate for insubordination and break-  
larly Resolved, That the Board of Directors shall  
other Honorary marks of Distinction upon any Milit-  
ed of Desertion or absenting himself from his Duty w-  
or to afford any Relief whatever from the Funds of  
Person.

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Executive Council for the time being, shall be President and  
without the presence of one or more of whom such General  
Is transacted.

rs shall, by the Secretary and Treasurer, make regular en-  
tatemts of their Receipts and Disbursements, in Books to  
r that the same be occasionally Published and submitted to  
. And to facilitate the objects of the Society, the said Board  
r own Members residing in the different Districts, who may  
tress arising therein, the whole amount of the Subscriptions  
t three per cent on the said amount, to be appropriated by  
e third object of the Society ; and that the said Committee  
o the Secretary of the General Board at York, an account  
tures, that unity may be preserved in the Society through-  
ement of its Transactions may be prepared for the satisfac.  
Public at large.

to be Subscribed shall be considered the Sum to be paid  
ng the continuance of the Society, (unless in cases of leav-  
al alteration in the circumstances of the Subscriber) and shall  
in one Month after the Subscription, and in the following  
eral Board of Directors shall appoint, in order to enable the  
adapted for Relief of Distress, on the most advantageous  
eruing from such Subscriptions, shall be considered as con-  
es of the Society.

ubscription, the Society will accept of Donations of any  
o may not choose to become Annual Subscribers or Mem-  
s of such Benefactors and the Sums they have given, shall  
ork Gazette.

his Society, that no personal Merit whatever in Military  
ordination and breach of Discipline, it is hereby particu-  
of Directors shall not be at liberty to bestow Medals or  
ion upon any Militia Man or Soldier who shall be convict-  
elf from his Duty without leave from his Superior Officer,  
from the Funds of this Society, to the Family of such